

MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM
COMMISSION MEETING
HELD Tuesday, May 4, 2021
REGULAR REMOTE MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM # A

Present: Commissioners:
President Ken Bell
Vice President Michael Shepard
Secretary Bobby Briscoe

Staff: Rob Fix Executive Director
Jon Sitkin Port Legal Counsel
Brady Scott Senior Property Manager
Terry Ilahi Senior Property Manager
Carey Jones Executive Assistant

3:00 PM OPEN PUBLIC MEETING, IMMEDIATELY RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 3:00 PM, President Ken Bell opened the public meeting, and then immediately recessed to Executive Session. The purpose of the executive session will be to discuss potential litigation, real estate transaction pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (i) (c).

4:00 PM CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION; RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING, ROLL CALL

At approximately 4:00 PM, President Ken Bell closed the executive session, opened the public meeting, and announced that all three Commissioners were present.

4:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD-

Chris Patterson a resident of Point Roberts requested the ferry sailings allow passengers with bicycles. Executive Director Rob Fix said he spoke to Drew Schmidt, the Captain at San Juan Cruises earlier in the day. The Port and San Juan Cruises are working through the details, but it looks like San Juan Cruises may be able to accommodate up to six bikes aboard the vessel. The Port will work through the details and expectantly get this new addition up and running soon.

PRESIDENT KEN BELL READ THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) –
May 11th @ 6 PM via Zoom

Bellingham International Airport Advisory Committee (BIAAC) –
July 15th @ 4 PM via Zoom

CONSENT AGENDA-

- A. Approve minutes from the April 20, 2021 regular scheduled commission meeting.
- B. Commission's authorization to sell vessels, pursuant to Resolution No. 1349.
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute amendments to nine existing Remedial Action Grant agreements and one Integrated Planning Grant agreement with the Department of Ecology to extend the term up to June 30, 2023 and adjust task budgets in the agreements to align with current and projected eligible remedial costs.

- D. Motion by the Commission approving the Renewal and Modification of lease between the Port of Bellingham and Bakerview Hangar LLC covering certain premises known as #17 of the Bellingham International Airport Binding Site Plan.
- E. Motion by the Port Commission to approve a Modification of Lease between the Port of Bellingham and Pacific Cruises Northwest, Inc. d/b/a Port Fairhaven to include exclusive seating areas and allow the sale of liquor while operating a fish and chip restaurant in the Bellingham Cruise Terminal.

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda items A - E

Discussion: Commissioner Shepard had a question about the liquor permits on item (E). Senior Property Manager Terry Ilahi said there are two modifications that need to be done to the lease; (1) Change the nonexclusive seating area to exclusive, and (2) Install a couple of semi-permanent barricades to block off the liquor area.

Commissioner Briscoe had a question about item (B) with the derelict vessels and changing laws. Executive Director Rob Fix said WPPA is aware of the problem and they are in agreement with the Port of Bellingham, as well as other Ports. Rob believes the best approach is to get the Marina Managers together to come up with a resolution, and go to Olympia and speak to the Legislators about a solution.

Motion approved with a 3 - 0 Vote

ACTION ITEMS-

1. Motion to approve Resolution No. 1106-X(i) modifying existing Delegation of Powers to add certain administrative powers and duties to the Executive Director.

Discussion: Port Legal Counsel Jon Sitkin spoke about the lease provisions, and the variety of agreements at the Waterfront. Jon said he believes it is appropriate to mirror the delegation of authority the Executive Director has on lease agreements with the same authority on managing property agreements at the Waterfront.

Motion approved with a 3 - 0 Vote

2. Motion by the Port Commission to approve a Harbor Land Lease, including Lease of DNR Property, between the Port of Bellingham and Fairhaven Industrial Marine Repair Facility, LLC for premises at 200, 201 and 207 Harris Avenue.

Discussion: Senior Property Manager Brady Scott gave some background on the proposed lease, terms, and property use.

Commissioner Shepard thanked Jeff Hamilton for showing interest in Whatcom County, and wished him success.

Jeff Hamilton said he appreciates the opportunity, and is looking forward to some exciting projects coming up.

Commissioner Bell said the Port is here to help you be successful.

Commissioner Briscoe asked Jeff Hamilton if he plans to operate the railway. Jeff confirmed he does have plans to make use of the railway, and has already connected with contractors.

Motion approved with a 3 - 0 Vote

END OF MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD-


No public comment

OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:28 PM.



President, Ken Bell



Vice President, Michael Shepard